

Salem City Schools, but she dedicates so much more of her time and her effort to the City. Through Junior Achievement of South-west Virginia, she mentors elementary school students through programs on financial literacy, good citizenship, entrepreneurship, and career paths. JA named her its volunteer of the year in 2018.

For Salem's 215th birthday, Ms. Tucker co-founded a grassroots social media group, Salem215, to celebrate the City and share news about its cultural, economic, and governmental activities. She is also a staunch patron of Roanoke College's Toy Like Me program to modify toys for children with disabilities, donating to it, referring children to it, and assisting with its activities.

I would like to offer Laura my sincerest congratulations on receiving the Charles Brown Award, a recognition of all the good that she has done and continues to do for our hometown.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME PROGRAM

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, as the Chairman of the Ways and Means Worker and Family Subcommittee with jurisdiction over the Supplemental Security Income Program—or SSI, it is an honor and privilege to recognize the 50th Anniversary of this essential program that serves as our nation's fundamental safety net for low-income seniors and people with disabilities.

The charge that a humane society should care for its vulnerable is long-standing. The Chinese philosopher Confucius said: "In a country well governed, poverty is something to be ashamed of. In a country badly governed, wealth is something to be ashamed of." The Jewish teaching of tzedakah advocates treating every person with righteousness and justice. In the book of Matthew, Jesus said, "As you did it to one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it to me." And, Mahatma Gandhi indicated that "the true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members."

In the 20th century, our country established and improved programs that created the foundation of a system to care for vulnerable Americans—such as FDR's New Deal, LBJ's Great Society, and the hundreds of laws to strengthen these programs. Fifty years ago, many low-income Americans with significant disabilities experienced painful hardship because they lacked the monthly income to support themselves. No federal program met their needs; rather, each state had separate rules for who could receive benefits, for how long, and for how much.

In 1972, a Democratic Congress and a Republican President recognized the challenges faced by low-income people with severe disabilities and amended the Social Security Act to replace the inadequate, inconsistent, state support system with a permanent, national

benefits program that offers a minimum, monthly income. As a federal program, SSI consolidated several state and federal elderly anti-poverty and disability programs into one program to support the most vulnerable.

Today, SSI provides food, shelter, heat in the winter, and dignity to more than 7.6 million American seniors and those with severe disabilities. In Cook County, Illinois, which includes my Congressional District, over 140,000 people rely on SSI to help buy food, pay rent, keep the lights on, and pay out-of-pocket health care costs. Importantly, SSI eligibility often increases eligibility for other important benefits—such as state public assistance, Medicaid, and SNAP—to also assist with critical expenses, like hospital stays, doctors' bills, and prescriptions.

In addition to supporting seniors and adults with disabilities, SSI benefits also help many children with disabilities and health conditions access the specialized care and treatment they need. Further, SSI helps compensate for the loss of income that is common for parents managing their children's complex care. Over 33,000 Illinois children receive these vital supports each month.

As we reflect on the strengths of SSI, we also must recognize the need for improvement. Given that SSI represents the only income for more than half of SSI recipients, we have a responsibility to ensure that the program truly protects disabled and elderly Americans from poverty and hardship. Further due to our country's history of systemic racism, including in employment and health care, people of color disproportionately experience poverty and disability compared to their peers. Consequently, policymakers need to modernize the SSI program to promote stability for the most vulnerable Americans.

We must improve monthly benefits to protect the elderly and disabled from suffering in poverty. We must adjust the asset limits for inflation. Currently, the program caps monthly savings at \$2,000 and \$3,000 for participating individuals and couples. If we adjusted asset limits for inflation since 1972, the asset cap for individuals would be \$9,000. Raising assets limits would allow millions of beneficiaries to appropriately save for emergencies, rather than having to make immoral choices between food or shelter or health. Additionally, we need to increase the outdated income limits that remain the same as they were 50 years ago. In short, we must modernize the SSI program so that it effectively supports the poorest Americans, bolstering dignity and well-being.

I am especially proud that, as we mark the 50th anniversary of SSI, my colleagues and I at the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support continue working closely with the Social Security Administration to improve outreach to those missing seniors and people with disabilities as they reopen their field offices, but there is much more we need to do to help reconnect those whom the pandemic disconnected from SSI, either from applying for initial benefits or being separated from current benefits.

As we celebrate five decades of the SSI program, I would like to recognize the amazing local disability advocates who tirelessly provide the on-going, vital help for vulnerable individuals in Chicago. These organizations serve as points of access for long-term sup-

ports and services, including home health care and assistive technology. They help expand and defend people's rights, including supporting self-advocacy groups and legal assistance. A few of these wonderful organizations are:

- Access Living
- The Arc of Illinois
- Chicago ADAPT
- Chicago Health Advocates
- Equip for Equality
- Health and Disability Advocates
- Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities
- Illinois Department of Aging
- Legal Counsel for Health Justice
- Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities
- Voices for Illinois Children

In closing, I celebrate the first 50 years of the Supplemental Security Income program, and I promise to continue to fight for dignity for our most vulnerable citizens to make SSI's impact even bigger over the next 50 years.

RECOGNIZING MS. ANAMARIA LABAO CABATO, OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER IN THE 51ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. VARGAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Anamaria Labao Cabato, an outstanding arts and culture advocate and community member in the 51st Congressional District.

Ms. Cabato is being honored for her long-time commitment to advancing multicultural arts through various programs and initiatives. She is the Executive Director of PASACAT Philippine Performing Arts Company and has been involved with the organization since its inception 52 years ago in 1970. PASACAT is comprised of dancers, instrumentalists, and "harana" singers. As many as thirty performances are given yearly to various educational, cultural, religious, and social organizations in the region.

Ms. Cabato serves as a board member of the San Diego Area Dance Alliance, was a founding partner of VOCAL, (Voices of Community at All Levels) and is a member of the City of San Diego Cultural Diversity Committee.

Most recently, Ms. Cabato was the co-chair of the new Filipinos of South Bay Exhibit (FOSBE) at the Chula Vista Library, which shares stories of Filipinos of the South Bay in San Diego County.

Ms. Cabato is being honored as the 51st District Constituent of the Month in October 2022, during Filipino American History Month. She is recognized for her work preserving and promoting Asian Pacific culture through the arts and contributing to the overall cultural vitality of the 51st Congressional District. She has vast experience as an arts administrator and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting from San Diego State University.

RECOGNIZING BOXING WORLD
CHAMPION AND LAREDO NATIVE
ORLANDO CANIZALES

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Orlando Canizales, a former boxing world champion and native son of Laredo, Texas.

Born in Laredo in 1965, Mr. Canizales began boxing at the age of ten at the local Boys and Girls Club. After going 108–12 as an amateur, he turned professional in 1984. He would become one of the world's best fighters in the late 1980s to early 1990s.

In 1988, Mr. Canizales became a world champion after winning the International Boxing Federation bantamweight title, knocking out the defending titlist in the fifteenth round. He would go on to make a division record 16 title defenses. Mr. Canizales continued fighting until 1999, until he decided to hang up his gloves. He retired with a record of 50–5–1 with 37 knockouts.

Mr. Canizales was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 2009. He gave a rousing speech in which he spoke about the life lessons that boxing had given him. "Boxing has taught me a lot in life," he said. "That dedication, discipline and determination will pay off in the long run and not to be easily swayed by obstacles and bumps in the road."

His brother, Gaby, was also a world champion. A boxing gym on Guadalupe Street in my hometown of Laredo now bears both of their names. Today, Mr. Canizales spends much of his days working with young boxers, continuing the South Texas tradition of producing some of America's finest fighters.

On behalf of the 28th District of Texas, I would like to again invite my colleagues to recognize Mr. Canizales, a truly legendary Laredoan, and celebrate all his accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING "FIU IN WASHINGTON, D.C." OPENING A NEW
STUDENT AND RESEARCH SHOW-
CASE CENTER IN OUR NATION'S
CAPITAL

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the opening of Florida International University's new student and research showcase center in Washington, D.C. Over the last four decades, FIU has grown exponentially to become one of the top universities in the state of Florida. It is now one of the fastest-rising universities in the nation. Today's opening ceremony is yet another example of how the university continues to invest in its students well beyond South Florida.

This new facility—a first-of-its-kind academic and briefing center—is part of an integrated advocacy approach called "FIU in Washington, D.C." It aims at both further developing FIU's national reputation and expanding fed-

eral support for the university's preeminent programs. The 5,000 square foot space will give FIU students studying and interning in D.C. access to federal research programs and other resources. It will also allow FIU faculty to collaborate with federal partners and showcase the impact of their research on several areas of study that especially pertain to South Floridians—including environmental and coastal resilience, population health, Latin America and the Caribbean, defense-related engineering technologies, and STEM research.

In addition, the research center will allow students, faculty, and alumni to host national workshops and conferences tailored towards federal policy initiatives. Its proximity to the United States Capitol will give FIU student-interns a better grasp of current legislation, as well as the chance to meet with elected officials. This new center will push the university further to the forefront of national excellence. I am proud to represent Florida International University and look forward to seeing it continue to expand and excel in our Nation's capital. Go Panthers.

HONORING NEW YORK AGRI-
CULTURE LEADER RICHARD
MCGUIRE

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Richard "Dick" McGuire for his dedication and service to the New York State agricultural community.

Dick was born in 1922 and raised on his family farm in Jackson, New York. Given his family's deep agricultural roots and his interest in football, Dick attended SUNY Morrisville and studied animal science while playing college football. Despite his passion for sports, Dick turned down an offer to try out for the Philadelphia Eagles, instead choosing to work on a farm throughout college.

Upon graduating, Dick fully dedicated his time to working on his family's farm. In just a short period, he expanded it from 65 acres to 440 acres. He soon became involved in local affairs, leading to him become the President of the New York State Farm Bureau from 1970 to 1984.

In 1988, he was appointed by the Governor to serve as New York Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets, where he served for seven years. He later advised numerous national leaders and Presidents, including Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, and Ronald Reagan on issues important to farmers and agriculture. For his exceptional service to New York State and the country, Dick was named Outstanding Commissioner of Agriculture by the National Biotech Industry and given the Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award by the American Farm Bureau.

Dick and his wife, Polly, currently operate the Penope Farm in New York. Their farm includes twelve museum collections of farming equipment and tools dating back to the 1800s. His efforts have been instrumental in educating New Yorkers about the history and importance of farming. Dick still collects items, each one meticulously documented and arranged, and regularly hosts visitors.

Dick has been an instrumental leader in the Upstate New York agricultural community, a dedicated public servant, a true historian, and a farmer at heart. His work on behalf of New York farmers and agriculture has made significant impact on his community, state, and country. He continues to inspire generations through his important documentation and collection of historical objects to tell the story of the evolution of American agriculture and rural life. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Dick on his 100th birthday, wish him well in his years to come, and thank him for his continued leadership and inspiration.

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH
ANNIVERSARY COMER MUSEUM

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 40th Anniversary of Comer Museum in the heart of Sylacauga, Alabama.

The Comer Museum has been home to the Third Congressional District Art Competition for years and I appreciate their partnership with us to help recognize our great young artists across East Alabama.

A celebration will be held on October 22nd to honor the 40 years of art the museum has brought to the area.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing my friends at the Comer Museum and wishing them a happy 40th anniversary.

HONORING JOHN CLAUSER

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Clauser for receiving the Nobel Prize in Physics.

John Clauser was born in Pasadena, California and obtained his Bachelor of Science in Physics at the California Institute of Technology. John then went to Columbia University in New York City, where he received both a Master of Arts and a Doctor of Philosophy in Physics. He then came back to the Bay Area to work at the University of California, Berkeley, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. He is current a resident of California's 11th Congressional District.

While at UC Berkeley, John carried out the first experimental test of the Clauser-Horne-Shimony-Holt Bell Theorem predictions, which was the first experimental observation of a violation of a Bell Inequality. The Bell Inequalities was a mathematical relationship that would be satisfied by a hidden variable theory in which measurement of one particle would not instantly affect the properties of the other particle, which John became interested in as he began experimental testing. John worked with Stuart Freedman to publish the first experimental test of the Bell Inequalities in 1972, and their results showed a clear violation of